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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yukio Sudo, et al.

Group: 1634

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Examiner: Frank W.M. Lu

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For: METHOD OF ANALYZING DOUBLE STRANDED DNA

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the species of Group (1) namely, the double stranded DNA recognizing substance is a double stranded DNA recognizing antibody (claim 4). Applicants also hereby elect a double strand recognizing antibody used in Example 1 (page 15, lines 9-10 of the species).

Accordingly, this is fully responsive to the Office Action and a prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited. This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to Applicants filing divisional applications to the non-elected groups of claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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